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BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of	) FPPC No. 07/781
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	)
GEOFFREY BUTLER,	) STIPULATION, DECISION and
	) ORDER
Respondent.	)
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Complainant Michael B. Salerno, Executive Director of the Fair Political Practices Commission, and Respondent Geoffrey Butler, hereby agree that this stipulation will be submitted for consideration by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

The parties agree to enter into this stipulation to resolve all factual and legal issues raised in this matter and to reach a final disposition without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing to determine the liability of Respondent.

Respondent understands, and hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives, any and all procedural rights set forth in Sections 83115.5, 11503 and 11523 of the Government Code, and in Section 18361.1 through 18361.9 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the right to personally appear at any administrative hearing held in this matter, to be represented by an attorney at Respondent's own expense, to confront and cross-examine all witnesses testifying at the

1 hearing, to subpoena witnesses to testify at the hearing, to have an impartial administrative law judge  
2 preside over the hearing as a hearing officer, and to have the matter judicially reviewed.

3 It is further stipulated and agreed that Respondent Geoffrey Butler violated the Political Reform  
4 Act by failing to timely file an annual statement of economic interests in violation of Section 87300 of  
5 the Government Code (1 count), as described in Exhibit 1, which is attached hereto and incorporated by  
6 reference, as though fully set forth herein. Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate summary of the facts in this  
7 matter.

8 Respondent agrees to the issuance of the decision and order, which is attached hereto.  
9 Respondent also agrees to the Commission imposing upon him an administrative penalty in the amount  
10 of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800). A cashier's check from Respondent in said amount, made payable to  
11 the "General Fund of the State of California," is submitted with this stipulation as full payment of the  
12 administrative penalty, to be held by the State of California until the Commission issues its decision and  
13 order regarding this matter. The parties agree that in the event the Commission refuses to accept this  
14 stipulation, it shall become null and void, and within fifteen (15) business days after the Commission  
15 meeting at which the stipulation is rejected, all payments tendered by Respondent in connection with  
16 this stipulation shall be reimbursed to Respondent. Respondent further stipulates and agrees that in the  
17 event the Commission rejects the stipulation, and a full evidentiary hearing before the Commission  
18 becomes necessary, neither any member of the Commission, nor the Executive Director, shall be  
19 disqualified because of prior consideration of this stipulation.

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21 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Michael B. Salerno, Executive Director  
Fair Political Practices Commission

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24 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Geoffrey Butler

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The foregoing stipulation of the parties “In the Matter of Geoffrey Butler, FPPC No. 07/781,” including all attached exhibits, is hereby accepted as the final decision and order of the Fair Political Practices Commission, effective upon execution below by the Chairman.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ross Johnson, Chairman  
Fair Political Practices Commission